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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant:** Thomas Giovinazzi  
**Serial No.:** 10/731,491  
**Filed:** December 10, 2003  
**Mark:** Securing Bracket For A Floor  
Supported Laundry Appliance  
**Art Unit:** 3632  
**Examiner:** Kimberly T. Wood

**AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office action of September 20, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Claim 1 (Cancelled)

Claim 2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (Amended) In combination, a securing bracket and a floor supported laundry appliance, said securing bracket comprising an angle iron having a base portion and a vertical arm, the base portion of the angle iron being positioned on the floor behind the appliance and in proximity to a pair of rear legs on the appliance, a lag screw extending through a slot provided in the vertical arm of said angle iron and into a wall in proximity to the rear of the